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RELATING TO INORGANIC HYDROGEN COMPOUNDS

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Senator Ron Wyden and any of his staff deemed appropriate by Senator Wyden, including Joshua Sheinkman, Esq., have authority to inspect the above-identified U.S. Patent Applications and to discuss with the Honorable Commissioner of Patents Q. Todd Dickinson and any U.S. Patent Office personnel any issues relating to these applications.

In particular, Senator Wyden has authority to discuss the very irregular and ad-hoc withdrawal from issue of application Ser. No. 09/009,294 ("294 application") on February 17, 2000 by the Commissioner without so much as a cursory review of that application. It is noted that the application was unavailable as of February 28, 2000, when the Applicant's attorney, the undersigned, provided the U.S. Patent Office with a courtesy copy of the '294 application. The '294 application was to be issued on February 29, 2000 at U.S. Patent No. 6,030,601.

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